Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Scarcity of water in Trichur during summer presented a problem. It was thought desirable to try boring operations for its solution. The site in question definitely showed features which were favourable for successful boring. It was, therefore, thought advisable to exploit it so as to get a knowledge of the sub-soil water in the town.

(b) Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi.

(c) The existence of a site under the control of the Government which is equally or more suitable than the one in question is not known.

(d) The owner to pay the cost of boring operations.

58 **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the conditions under which boring operations are done with the Government boring machine in Mr. Kattur Krishna Pisharodi's compound near Naicknal, Trichur, and what amount has the Government hitherto spent under various items of expenditure for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Conditions :—

(1) The actual working expenses to be borne by the owner of the house.

(2) The services of the plant and of the machines to be given free by the Government.

In respect of item (1) the expenditure amounts to Rs. 569-7-5.

In respect of item (2) the Government had not to incur any additional expenditure, since the staff consisted only of full-timed officers. This was, nevertheless, a concession granted by the Government, as it was thought that the knowledge gained from the boring operations on the characteristics of the sub soil water in Trichur would justify it. There was no known well or tank or place in Trichur Town which presented prospects for a successful boring as the place in question.

Water stored for Kole cultivation.

59. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) (i) the names of the various centres where water was kept in storage for *kole* cultivation in the year 1102 at Government expense;

(ii) the amount spent at each centre;

(b) what was the report submitted by the responsible officials of each centre about the feasibility or otherwise of the water storage scheme?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (i) Pulakal, Chettupula, Ollur, Munayam and Nandipulam.

		Rs.
(ii)	Pulakkal about	7,858
	Chettupula ,,	3,125
	Ollur ,,	1,645
	Munayam ,,	1,112
	Nandipulam ,,	523
	Establishment charges .. for all the centres.	524

Copies of notes of the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats are placed on the Council Secretary's table.

The Pazhanji-Akkikavu Road.

60. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is only one important road leading to Palanji and that road is Palanji-Akkikavu Road;

(b) whether the Government are aware that arecanut taken in carts to and from Palanji should be taken through this road;

(c) whether the Government have not received complaints about the unsatisfactory condition of this road;

(d) whether the telegrams, petitions, representations, etc., received by the Government in the course of the last three years about the unsatisfactory condition of this road will be placed on the table;

(e) what effective steps have been taken to improve the condition of this road after the receipt of such complaints;

(f) whether the unsatisfactory condition of the road has not been brought to the attention of the Government by interpellations and token motions in the Legislative Council;

(g) what is the result of them; and

(h) whether this road will be satisfactorily improved before the commencement of the ensuing arecanut season?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing those papers on the table.

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